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Media Statement

Queensland's annual report on children's wellbeing released

A report out today reveals that cyber bullying is an increasing issue for Queensland children.

Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Elizabeth Fraser said the Commission's *Snapshot 2009* report provides a comprehensive overview of the health and wellbeing of children in Queensland and draws attention to important trends.

"This year's report highlights a number of health and wellbeing concerns that governments, parents and communities need to consider," Ms Fraser said.

"Notably, the report reveals cyber bullying concerns for Queensland students, with 1 in 20 (5.3%) being bullied frequently.

"We know that some victims of cyber bullying can experience low self-esteem, psychological distress, and subsequent physical harm."

Snapshot 2009: Children and young people in Queensland, draws together data from a range of state and national sources about the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Queensland.

"The information in the Snapshot report allows us to look at trends, so we have the information needed to plan ahead for a better future for our children," Ms Fraser said.

Snapshot 2009 is available on the Commission's website at www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au or phone freecall 1800 688 275.

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